participated actively in the Workshop and expressed their views on the issues relating to Cost of Production of Various Crops. The farmers reiterated the importance of good quality seeds for achieving better results in productivity of crops in India so as to effectively compete with other countries in the international market.

Constraints of land and water for agricultural production

2066. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether both the land and water are crucial constraints on our efforts to expand production in agriculture;

(b) if so, whether Government have made any study on this aspect; and

(c) the efforts proposed to be made in this direction during the Tenth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Indian Council of Agricultural Research has conducted useful reserach to tide over the situation. Research studies on watershed management, reclamation of salt affected soils, soil and water conservation and utilization of degraded land, control of desertification, improvement in rainfed agriculture, intensive cropping system, on-farm water management, use of poor quality water, drainage of water logged soils, etc. has helped in ameliorating the constraints on land and water resources.

(c) Research programmes in the above areas will be further strengthened during the Tenth Five Year Plan.

Cold and heat waves in Orissa

2067. SHRI MAN MOHAN SAMAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be plesed to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the cold waves and heat waves that Orissa has been experiencing during the recent years, do not find place in the items of expenditure applied by the Ministry in the Calamity Relief Fund and National Calamity Contigency Fund;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;